



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Spiritual Power

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Text: Luke 24:49.

Jesus, just before His ascension, took His disciples out to Bethany, lifted up His hands and blessed them. He said, "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." They went away with great joy. We should tarry until we are endued with power, until we get to the place where God can bless us like He did His disciples.

When we went to God, after we were saved and sanctified and were tarrying for the Holy Ghost, we promised the Lord, "Lord, if you will give me the Holy Ghost I will do what you want me to do. I will go where you want me to go." We need to remember our vows. We should do these things.

What will the Holy Ghost do? "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you," Acts 1:8. The Holy Ghost will give us power. He will give us power to sing, power to pray, power to shout and power for the service of God. I believe that we as Holy-Ghost-filled people should get where God can use us like the Scriptures tell us He will. If we have that power in the church there will be victory in the camp. Saints will love one another. When they come to church they will be prayed up and have victory in their souls to the extent that they can strike the key note, and there is likely to be a shout. Souls will be made to see their condition and come to God.

Yes, He will give us power for the service of God. I believe that it is the power of God that sends the serpent's message into the congregation, drives it home to the sinner man and woman, and causes them to see their condition and come to God.

If we had more power in the church there would not be so many conferences. Everybody would work in subjection. I am longing for that time to come when God's people will tarry for that power. With it will come unity, harmony, and fellowship. The bills will not be hard to meet. The pastor will not be hard to support. It would be possible to have a revival in your town.

Paul was an educated man. What did he say about this power? 1 Cor. 2:4, 5, "My speech was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." I am not fighting education. I wish I had more education myself. Education backed by power and the Spirit of God is wonderful, but it is true that education alone will not bring conviction. It is the humble spirit of the servant that looks to God. We need to be where the Holy Ghost can use us. I count it a privilege to be able to enjoy the wonderful presence of God.

You say, "Shouting is not religion." No, but it goes with it if you live good. After the Holy Ghost is come upon you

ye shall receive power. I believe that when God is blessing in His services, He will bless your soul in some way if you have this power. I believe that you will be able to feel His presence, and that He will manifest Himself in some way if it is just tears of joy. We had to praise the Lord to get the Holy Ghost, and I believe we will have to praise God to keep Him.

We should tarry before God more. This is a great privilege. When we are tempted and tried we can steal away with God and He will bless our souls, this good power will lift the burden and we'll feel encouraged to fight the battle again. It is the power of God that helps us to fight the battles. It encourages us to go just a few more miles of the way. I do not believe I could live in this world without this good power.

I am persuaded that the power of God will cause us to respond to the mission call, and to the evangelistic drives. It will cause us to back up the rulings and teachings of the Church. The saints will be fed and their souls will be fat. That good fellowship will flow from heart to heart. When we see a brother or sister discouraged it will help us to say, "Be encouraged just a little longer, maybe the battle will not be so hard later." When we look around us today and see so many cold and despondent we realize that we

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Notices

Our annual home coming day will convene at Crane Eater, Ga., Church of God the second Sunday in June, the 13th. We will have an orphanage program and good preaching, singing and an old-time testimony service. Come and bring a well-filled basket. Pray for God to bless.—I. H. Nix, district pastor.

The Somerset, Pa., Y. P. E. district convention will convene May 30 at Somerset, Pa. Bring a well-filled basket and come expecting the Lord to bless. Sister Alva Mae McClure, our state president, will be present.—Mrs. R. E. Nuzum, district president.

I would like to go out in evangelistic work with some Church of God preacher and wife. I have a burden for the lost and could help pray and work in the altar. If interested, write me in care of Bennie C. Keller, Route 1, McDonald, Tenn. Pray for me, my daughter and son-in-law as we have just lost our husband and father.—Mrs. Emma E. Jones.

To whom it may concern: M. A. Parker and wife are no longer ministers in the Church of God.—Odis Smith, state overseer of Arkansas.

There will be an all-day service at Dora's Chapel the first Sunday in June. The public is cordially invited. If you play an instrument, please bring it. Bring well-filled baskets.—Mrs. Dora Griffith, Rt. 1, Henagar, Ala.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God, Biltmore, N. C., June 13. We are expecting Brother Stephens, our state overseer, also our district pastor, Brother D. B. Yow, and Brother W. M. Stallings of Greensboro, who is to begin a revival May 30. We invite all ministers on the district. We are expecting to raise \$1,000 on this day as we are on a new church building program. Come one and all with shouts of victory and help us in this work for the Lord.—A. V. Childers, pastor.

God is still blessing and healing folks. Of course there are conditions to be met. If you are willing to obey God and want me to pray for you to be healed, write me. I am not praying for the sick for finance but for the glory of God, however, those who send handkerchiefs to be anointed should send return pos-

tage. Do not send money in the same envelope with handkerchiefs.—Waldron Asher, Essie, Kentucky.

I have been praying for the sick and some have been healed, others are improving. If you want me to answer your letter when you write for prayer, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Pray that my boys will be saved, also my husband.—Lessie Curry, Nokomis, Fla.

There will be an all-day service at the Church of God mission at Helena, Ala. the first Sunday in June. Lunch will be spread. Everybody invited, especially singers and preachers.—W. B. Nabors.

You are cordially invited to attend a dedication service of the Church of God colored work at Kelsey City, Fla., May 30, at 1:30 p. m. We are expecting Brother J. H. Curry.—F. B. Bell, pastor; Lillie E. Keel, clerk.

WNOX, Knoxville, Tenn., has increased her watts from 2500 to 5000 day and 1000 night. The WNOX has a new tower which gives more power. Each Saturday, 2:00-2:30 p. m., you can hear a good old-fashioned, Holy Ghost service. If you like this program, write us a card.—G. W. Hodges, R. E. Hamilton, c/o WNOX, Knoxville, Tenn.

There will be a home coming at Mt. Zion Church of God the first Sunday in June. Everybody welcome. Bring a well-filled basket. Brother Burroughs, district overseer, and band from Alabama City will be with us.—A. V. Coker, pastor, Altoona, Ala.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Petersburg, W. Va. May 30. There will be services Saturday night, Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon, and Sunday night. Everybody bring a well-filled basket. There will be sacrament and feet washing Sunday night. We expect the neighboring churches, Bayard String Band and Rex-rode Happy Band. Everybody cordially invited.—Howard D. Statum, pastor.

Everybody has an invitation to a home coming at Waresboro, Ga., May 30. Dinner will be spread at the church.—L. S. Williams, pastor.

We will have a home coming May 30 beginning at 9:30 and lasting all day. We invite all to come and bring a well-filled basket and good contribution for

the church building.—Mrs. O. B. Garner, clerk, Starkey, Va.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Shooting Creek, N. C., May 30. The orphans from Cleveland will be there. Everybody invited to come and bring a well-filled basket. Pray for God to give us a wonderful time.—L. J. Stone, pastor.

To the ministers and workers of Virginia: Our camp meeting and state convention will convene at 9 Indiana Ave., N. E., Roanoke, Va., June 10-20. The convention will begin Tuesday night, the 15th, and close Thursday night, the 17th. We're expecting a 100 per cent report on everything that the Assembly has recommended. In fact, we are looking for the greatest convention and camp meeting the State of Virginia has ever known. The ministers, with few exceptions, are working hard to promote the work this year. Our mission work is going far ahead of what it did last year. Come on, ministers and workers, let's have the camp meeting going in a good way when our General Overseer, Brother J. H. Walker, arrives. This meeting will be conducted under the state tent, as it was last year, and the church will be used for camping purposes. Also, free space will be given for camping tents. If you have one just bring it along. There will also be a lunchstand on the ground where you can get meals at a reasonable price. Come, you are welcome. Please don't forget the Church of God Evangel. Remember, the one who brings the most subscriptions to the convention will receive a present.—Yours for God and the Church, J. L. Dorman, overseer of Virginia, 610 E. Bullitt Ave., Roanoke, Va.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Brilliant, Ala. May 30. All neighboring ministers and members are invited.—J. M. Ashmore, pastor.

Brother A. V. Beaube and Brother J. B. Cole and wife are conducting a revival in Jackson, Tenn. The writer is assisting with the music and singing. Please pray that many souls will be saved and a great work established for God in this place. Any one having friends and relatives here, please let us know so that we may get in touch with them.—Mrs. R. K. Blackwood, 116 Sterling St., Jackson, Tenn.

Our district meeting of the Church of God will convene at Urbana, Ill., June 4-6. You are invited. Our state overseer, J. R. Thomas, will be here.—C. E. Richard, district pastor.

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Faithfulness

MRS. D. G. PHILLIPS

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," Rev. 10: 2.

Dear children of God, as this scripture has made such an impression on me for sometime I thought I would try by God's help to write a few lines on this wonderful subject.

As we see the conditions that surround us and realize that many of God's people are drifting and getting in a lukewarm condition and many that have been faithful for years are giving up the fight, we are made to realize the importance of this scripture, "Be thou faithful unto death." Oh, the importance of being faithful in every undertaking for God. No matter how small the place we might be called to fill in this life, if that is the place God has for us to fill, beloved, let us be faithful and do our very best for God. Some might say, "There isn't anything that I can do," but I am sure that in this great army in which we've enlisted, there is something for everyone to do. You may never be a great preacher or do great things but you can be faithful. If every member of this great Church of God would find his place and fill it faithfully, we would see this work move on as never before.

First of all, we must be faithful to God, dear ones. Many times we say we love the Lord with all our heart, and the Church of God better than our lives. I wonder how well we love God. If we love Him we will keep His Commandments and if we love His Church surely we will obey its teachings. Remember, we are speaking on faithfulness. We cannot be faithful to the Church and fail to obey its teachings. I am confident that if we love God and His Church we will be faithful. The Word of God teaches us to be subject to those that have the rule over us. It means much for us to be faithful to our pastor, faithful to the missionary call, faithful to the cry of the orphans, faithful in giving God His tenth, faithful in visiting the sick, faithful in attending the services, faithful in our prayer life, faithful in our duty one to another, and many others space does not permit us to mention.

Beloved, if God hasn't called you to preach this gospel, I am sure He has called you to help support those He has called. I believe with all my heart that if you are faithful in supporting the gospel, on that great day when the precious sheaves are brought to Jesus you too will receive your reward for the part you have had in carrying this gospel to poor dying

souls as well as the man or woman who carried the gospel and brought them to Christ. How important it is to carry this good gospel to this dying world. While I realize God is stirring our hearts and giving us a greater missionary spirit, yet I feel that we need even a greater zeal to get this gospel to every individual possible, both in the foreign and homeland, for surely that night is approaching when no man can work.

On Thanksgiving morning while we were in Dayton, Ohio, there was a fire around the corner from our home. I went out and I saw firemen carrying people out of that burning building. As I saw how they labored and risked their lives for the poor people in that building, I saw a real picture and I said, "O God, help me to labor like that for lost souls that are in a far worse condition than the people in that building." A man on the roof was calling for someone to save him. Dear ones, poor lost souls everywhere are crying out for help and many do not know how to find God unless someone helps them. Oh that God would give us a vision of this lost world, I am sure that we would labor and pray with all our might. Many have children, husbands, wives, loved ones, and neighbors falling into hell every day and many of us going on unconcerned, not even alarmed about it. Just because some little things have happened that may not suit us we fail to be faithful and do our duty while all around us souls are dying. Oh that God would give everyone of us a vision, that He would let us see ourselves as He sees us and remember our scripture says "faithful unto death." Many are laying down the cross before they reach the end of the journey, but let us be faithful just a little longer, one of these days we will reach the end of our journey, we will fight our last battle, win our last victory, and go home to be with Jesus. It will mean everything to us then if we have been faithful. If it can truthfully be said of me, if I go before Jesus comes and they lay this body under the sod, that I have been faithful, but most of all for the Lord to say I've been faithful, I shall be satisfied.

God help every one of us to be faithful that we may receive that crown of life.

The persons who are so willing to submit would not necessarily have so much of it to do, were it not for the fact they do so much of it that should be done by the other fellow—but that would not be done if they didn't do it.

Thank God for a Real Shepherd

NORMAN, Okla.—Dear saints of God, greetings in Jesus' sweet name. I am glad to report the Church of God in Norman, Okla. is moving along nicely. It is going over the top for Jesus. We are a very young church, just a little over a year old. The devil tried to down us once but by much praying and holding to God's unchanging hand, He heard our cry. I knew He had a few faithful children here in Norman.

One morning at the morning service we had a new preacher with us. No one knew him. He seemed to be so filled with the Spirit and the love of God was shining on his face. Of course he was asked to bring the message. He told us he had been burdened for Norman for over a week and I said to some one sitting by, "Maybe that is the one God has sent us." I just felt like it was. Praise God, He heard and answered prayer.

On the following Wednesday night he was back and we had a new pastor, Brother W. A. Cox. My, he surely is a God-sent man. I think we have one of the best pastors in the state. He is so humble and has so much love for everybody. He lives in Oklahoma City, some eighteen or twenty miles away. We have service from four to five times a week and he hardly misses being with us at a service. Truly, I thank God for a real shepherd. If he sees one of the little sheep or lambs limping as if wounded, he tries to get to him as quickly as he can and bind up that wound. The church surely loves their pastor and the pastor loves the church.

We had a fellowship meeting here at Norman recently. The Lord met with us in a wonderful way. We had a large crowd last night and God was with us in a wonderful way.

I ask the prayers of the saints everywhere for our revival that God will give us many souls. We have a nice Sunday School.

I also thank God for our state overseer and his wife, Brother and Sister S. J. Wood. They are surely a God-sent man and woman, they are busy for the Lord. They haven't been with us for sometime but I know they will as soon as they can.

Our church is located at 102 N. Jones St. Any one passing by this way is invited to stop and be with us. We will be glad to have you meet with us in our services which we have on Wednesday and Friday nights, Sunday morning and night. This building is so small we have decided to try to build this summer. We need a building so badly, so please help us pray that God will provide us with one.—Lottie Beaird, clerk, 110 W. Tonhawa.

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✻ Editorials ✻

THE EVANGEL

We are glad at this writing to report that the Publishing House is gaining in every department. Several months ago we had the mailing clerk to run us off a list of the Evangel subscriptions by states. If you notice, each month there is some gain. In May 1936, the General Overseer in his check-up showed the rank of each state according to subscriptions. This year he has made another check-up and elsewhere in this issue you will find the list giving the number of subscriptions that are going to each state showing that the Evangel has had a considerable increase. We certainly thank the people on the field for their hearty co-operation because we feel that this gain is due to their faithful efforts as well as the efforts of those in the Publishing House. God is certainly blessing in every department and if we continue to gain, our records will show a larger profit than any previous year. We have the most faithful crew of hands that I ever worked with and it is quite a pleasure to be here and work with them in this great work of spreading the gospel and for the interest of the great Church.

—O— THE MINISTRY GIFTS MUST BE GOVERNED BY LOVE

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up." 1 Cor. 13:4.

Gifts are good only if administered in love. Benevolence is good but not apart from love. Love is better than our present incomplete knowledge. It is greater than even faith. Love will manifest itself in kindness and if we expect to wield an influence over the lost and disobedient, kindness must be manifested. The greatest preaching we can do is to show kindness and love to those about us. Love will not vaunt itself. We should be careful to give our Savior all the credit for everything that is done in our ministry. Love will not rejoice in iniquity, i. e., it

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This paper reserves the right to condense reports, testimonies, etc., to a conformity of a proper allowance of space.

will not be glad when others fail. If the love of Christ was manifested as it should be in the lives of all God's ministers, the Church would be one place of joy and happiness and the services would be so attractive until the hungry hearts of starving men and women would be glad for the time when they could go to the house of God.

—O— THE WALK OF BELIEVERS

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Eph. 4:32.

There is nothing that would be so effective as the manifestation of love one for another. There is a lack of tenderheartedness in so many Christians today. Some seem to think they are called on to find all the faults they can of others and seem to pride themselves in their knowledge and ability to straighten out such defects, claiming that they must keep the Church clean. This is all necessary but if the proper love was manifested and the care of lost souls was the watchword of both ministers and laity, these things could be adjusted in a more profitable way. We are taught that if our brother be overtaken in a fault we which are spiritual should restore such a one in the meekness of the Spirit lest we also be tempted. There is nothing that will take the place of kindness and this is a real gift from God. Some are not naturally kind but when the love of God fills their hearts there should be that kindness that will prevail and direct our lives that would cause us to manifest the kindness that is so needful in every Christian life. Christ's love-work for the Church is three-fold: past, present, and future: (1) for love He gave Himself to redeem the Church, (2) in love He is sanctifying the Church, (3) for the reward of His sacrifice and labors of love He will present the Church to Himself in flawless perfection. This truly is the one pearl of great price.

THE MINISTRY SUMMARY

See 2 Cor. 6:1-6. v. 1. "We then as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."

Here we are admonished as workers together with Him. The ministry should be separated from the world and Christ has promised to work with us, so we must depend on Him for our guidance, not taking things in our own hands and ruling according to our own pleasure, but with sacrifice and humbleness we should consider the welfare of others. This is the duty and work of a minister. The interest that he manifests in others goes to make up his life's work and should we be careless and selfish in our labors we will certainly not do those things that Christ would have us do. We should give no offence, we are admonished to be patient and long suffering. We should not resent things so quickly but after prayer and meditation we should pursue a course that is directed by the Holy Ghost. If this is done our ministry will certainly be effective. I am afraid that so many are not serious enough in their work for the lost. This certainly is one of the most noble callings in all the world and the man who gives his time and talent to the salvation of the lost and to the building up of the body of Christ, is doing one of the greatest works that can be done. We can't afford to partake of anything that is worldly, though it may please some few, but by pureness and by longsuffering, and Paul said by stripes, imprisonments, and tumults of labors, watchings and fastings we approve ourselves as ministers of God. The minister who gives Himself to his duties in this way will certainly be effective. I am afraid there is not enough sacrifice among our ministers now. God help us to realize our life's work is quickly passing and we must adhere to those things that are written in this Word if we expect to receive our great reward.

—O— GREAT CHRISTIAN VIRTUES

2. Peter 1:5-7, *"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity."*

These Christian virtues cannot be had only by those who are redeemed from iniquity through Jesus Christ. They are in four divisions: 1. The great Christian virtue. The world may exercise or manifest what they call kindness and love but it certainly can never take the place of the Christian virtues planted in the heart through our Savior who said we

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EVANGEL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Greater Number of States Show Nice Increase Over Period of One Year

May 12, 1936 I asked Sister Eva Lee, subscription clerk, to make a check-up on just the number of subscriptions going to each state. Then, again this year she furnished me with a list of the subscriptions on May 12, which are shown below.

	May 12, 1936	May 12, 1937	Gain	Decrease
Alabama	259	393	134	---
Arizona	10	8	---	2
Arkansas	86	110	24	---
California	27	49	22	---
Colorado		10	10	---
Connecticut		1	1	---
Delaware	12	11	---	1
Florida	481	749	266	---
Georgia	395	492	97	---
Idaho		4	4	---
Illinois	93	93	---	---
Iowa		6	6	---
Indiana	14	63	49	---
Kansas	14	24	10	---
Kentucky	166	219	53	---
Louisiana	58	82	24	---
Maine	24	26	2	---
Massachusetts		3	3	---
Maryland	61	63	2	---
Michigan	70	78	8	---
Minnesota	15	13	---	2
Mississippi	172	242	70	---
Missouri	84	98	14	---
Montana	53	27	---	26
Nebraska	3	9	6	---
Nevada		1	1	---
New Jersey	1	3	2	---
New Mexico	36	47	11	---
New York		6	6	---
North Carolina	434	721	287	---
North Dakota	148	62	---	86
New Hampshire		2	2	---
Ohio	117	160	43	---
Oklahoma	57	77	20	---
Pennsylvania	150	134	---	16
Oregon		8	8	---
South Carolina	600	437	---	63
South Dakota	50	37	---	13
Tennessee	252	298	46	---
Texas (Oct. 1)	217	219	2	---
Utah		1	1	---
Virginia	96	129	33	---
West Virginia	265	234	---	61
Washington		7	7	---
Washington D. C.	4	3	---	1
Wyoming	9	7	---	2
Wisconsin		2	2	---

Note some of these states possibly were receiving subscriptions last year, but were overlooked, one state particularly—Texas—the number was omitted, but on October 1, 1936 Texas had 217 subscriptions.

We do hope that everyone will see the

great need of subscribing for the Church of God Evangel, which contains so much helpful information which you need.

Come on, everybody! Let's see our state win if possible. Watch the paper as Brother Latimer gives them each month. —J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

St. Joseph, Mo. Dist. Conv'n.

The district convention of the St. Joseph, Mo. district convened April 16-18 at the Church of God in North St. Joseph, Mo. It was well attended by delegates throughout the district. The welcome address was given by Brother T. J. Milligan, district overseer and pastor of the local church.

Saturday morning all gathered again to worship the Lord and enjoy the good blessings from above. The Holy Ghost moved upon the people and everyone was wonderfully blessed. Speakers were Sister Una Hancock, Brothers Merle Greene, Alfred Hoskins, Fred D. Ellis, H. E. Buntin, and Zeno Douglas. Saturday night Brother H. N. Scoggins, our state overseer, brought a message which certainly was an inspiring one.

Brother Scoggins also brought a message direct from the throne of grace, "Ordained of God," on Sunday morning and in the afternoon Brother E. F. Crain preached. My, how the power of God did fall in this service. A message and interpretation was given to the ministry as they were about to separate once more for their respective fields of labor.

Everyone who expressed his sentiment declared he enjoyed the convention very much and felt encouraged to press the battle against Satan harder than ever. An orphanage offering was taken in the amount of \$5.00 and the mission offering was \$30.00. A minister was added to the church during the convention.—Beatrice Koonse, clerk, 1707 N. Main St., St. Joseph, Mo.

Lawton, Okla. Dist. Conv'n.

The Lawton, Okla. district convention convened at Faxon, April 16-18, with great success. Brother S. J. Wood, state overseer, was in charge. Service began Friday night with songs and prayers. The welcome address was given by the pastor, Brother Cooper, with response by the district pastor, Brother Davis. The next speaker was the writer, followed by an Assembly of God minister of Chattanooga, Okla. Sister Wood then spoke to us. By this time the Lord was blessing our souls and everybody was rejoicing.

Saturday night service opened with songs and prayer followed by a good praise service led by Brother Atchley, pastor at Hobart. Brother Campbell of Texas brought the message which was a blessing to all.

Sunday morning service opened at 9:30 with good singing and the Holy Ghost blessing. Each church representation was good. Most all the churches went over the top with their quotas and those that didn't said they would in a short time. The writer gave a talk in behalf of the orphans; Sister Pippin and Brother Davis talked on the Evangel; Sister Wood talked on the Willing Workers' Band. Brother Robert Morris of Texas made a good talk in behalf of the Bible School. At 11:00 o'clock Brother Wood brought an inspiring message, which was uplifting. After this a good basket dinner was spread, just another good feast from the Lord. Soon we were ready to gather back in the church for our afternoon service. We had church representations, special singing and a reading rendered by Sister Ward. All was enjoyed because the Holy Ghost was with us throughout the entire convention for which we thank and praise our God.

We were happy to have with us from Texas Brother and Sister Campbell, Brother and Sister Givens and Brother Morris and family. The convention closed at four-thirty with handshakes and good-byes.—May Davis, corresponding secretary, 902 Lee Blvd., Lawton, Okla.

NOTICES

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Any one interested in evangelistic work, write us. We have eleven churches on the Kentucky River district, which are under the leadership of real pastors who are fine men with whom to work, and have lost souls and the interest of the Church at heart. This is a great chance to evangelize for a harvest of souls, if you are not afraid to preach the Word and trust God. No evangelist has ever had to walk away or sleep in the barn. Come with us and we will do you good.—W. J. Blair, district pastor, Diablo, Ky.

The Glamorgan district convention will convene at the Miners Union Hall, Glamorgan, Va., May 28-30. Everybody cordially invited. Entertainment free.—Harry E. Sells, district pastor.

We will have home coming day at the Church of God at Moultrie, Ga. the fifth Sunday in May, May 30, and we expect all the churches on the district to be with us. Brother J. W. Culpepper and other ministers will be with us. We are going to have sacrament and feet washing at 7:30 p. m. Bring a well-filled basket as dinner will be spread on the ground that day.—L. P. Shaw, pastor, Moultrie, Ga.

The Hireling Fleeth

MRS. G. F. STRICKLAND

"Where are thou?" Gen. 3:9.

Where are our good, humble, praying, fasting, sacrificing preachers? I tell you, they are hard to locate. MOST of our dear old preachers who preached for the Word of God's sake and the sake of poor souls and not for the dollar's sake, are in their graves awaiting their righteous reward of eternal life. The greater majority of our preachers today (don't understand me to say every one, for I'm not your judge) are going for larger and finer churches and more money. God forbid that this continue.

John 10:13 reads, "The hireling fleeth because he is an hireling and careth not for the flock (or sheep)."

Jesus told Peter in John 21:15-17 what to do and I believe if our preachers of today love their Redeemer they will surely feed His sheep.

Jer. 23:1, "Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture, saith the Lord."

Ezek. 34:2-4, "Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them."

Oh yes, you must keep him paid up to the minute with your tithes and your big fat offerings, a real nice car and a fine suit of clothes, if you keep him preaching for you, but the members can dress in cheap clothes. If you can't pay him he'll go where he can get pay. Is

this the way Christ told Peter to run the business? No, a thousand times no. He said, Peter, if you love me feed my lambs.

Zech. 11:17, "Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened."

I personally know men who I believe were God-sent preachers, they used to preach in little, humble, country churches and did a great work, but now they are preaching in large churches where plenty of money is paid and you couldn't get them to consider those poor places where they once preached, it matters not how hungry poor souls are for the gospel.

O Lord, grant that we had a few more shepherds that would stand by the flock through thick and thin, help share their burdens and be willing to sacrifice a few luxuries, even suffer, if it takes that to draw God's children together.

Thank God, there is coming a day when His people will be drawn together in one fold. There will be one Shepherd. We will know no tempter there, nothing but joy, love, unity, and fellowship.

Paul said, "I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account," Phil. 4:12, 17.

Some preachers prefer gifts instead of fruits of righteousness. Which do you want for your labor, souls or dollars? Probably you will get what you are working for but you can't work for both. You can't serve God and mammon. Are you going to love one and hate the other?

youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint," Isa. 40:21-23, 28-31.

"I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine," John 17:9.

"Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause," Psal. 25:3.

"I will wait upon the Lord, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him," Isa. 8:17.

"The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him," Lam. 3:25.

"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed," 2 Cor. 4:8, 9.

"For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day," 2 Cor. 4:15, 16.

ALL OF THIS BECAUSE WE WAIT ON THE LORD

He renews those who wait upon Him, that is, they pray in secret. They have some time to give their thoughts to the Lord and meditate on His goodness, read His Truth and cry before Him, telling Him how much they love Him. George Mueller said he had so much to do that he had to take off an hour to pray in order to get it all done.

We are told in the Scriptures that "the secret of the Lord is with them that fear him." Another scripture says, "The Lord seeth in secret." God may not see you in the open busy throng but He will see you if He finds you in secret, and after you have spent some time there He will renew your strength and you will begin to mount up. You will feel lifted up. Your spirit will "rejoice in God your Savior." There are so many weak Christians. A few days in secret will make them new. They will soon get to where they can run and not be weary.

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly," Matt. 6:6.

"Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear (the Lord's ear) in the closets shall

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Assurance to Those Who Wait On the Lord

M. S. LEMONS

"Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: that bringeth

the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the

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Memphis and Dyersburg, Tenn. Districts Convention

The Memphis and Dyersburg districts convention which is now in the past was a thrilling success in many ways, especially the mission offering. We were glad to have our state overseer, Brother Cross, with us. His encouraging words were a great inspiration to all. We were also glad to have Brother Beaubé of Nashville and Brother Baney, our former pastor, and all visiting brothers and sisters from neighboring churches. And last but not least Brother Clifford Jenkinson, who conducted our three weeks' revival, for which we praise the Lord. Much good has been done and we surely appreciate Brother Jenkinson for his faithfulness. I only wish the church had more consecrated young people who have taken such a bold stand for God and His cause. It seemed the worldly things held no charm for him, and the burden for lost souls would weight him down and sometimes he couldn't preach for crying. I hope he didn't go away discouraged. I know many good seed were sown that will some day bring forth fruit. The scripture says, His words would not return void. Please pray for us, we need your prayer, also our pastor, Brother Cole.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. G. W. Baise, Rt. 2, Dyersburg, Tenn.

Sunday School Rally a Success

The Church of God Sunday School at Phenix City, Ala. met at 9:00 o'clock to begin one of the greatest days for the Sunday School this church has ever experienced. Service began with songs, music and prayer. At 10:00 o'clock the march began with a large number taking

part. They marched several blocks while music was played. This attracted quite a lot of attention.

Immediately after the march were songs and music followed by a very inspiring and instructive talk by our state superintendent of Sunday School, also a wonderful talk on the C. of G. Y. P. E. by our state superintendent of Y. P. E. The Lord surely did bless in a wonderful way during the noon hour. Everybody enjoyed a feast of good things to eat.

A special feature of the day was several numbers rendered by Brother and Sister Ashley and daughter of Lanett, Ala., also special songs and music by visitors from other churches.

Several good speakers spoke on various subjects. The Lord surely did bless them, everyone seemed to be at his best.

Last but not least was the testimony service. Long will I remember how the Holy Ghost witnessed while as many as four or five were testifying at the same time. People danced, shouted, and talked in other tongues as the Lord set His approval on the good work. I am sure this was a day to be long remembered by all who were present.—J. S. Collins, pastor; Eugene Glass, S. S. Supt.

Death Notices

BARRS

Brother John F. Barrs died May 1, 1937. He was a faithful member of the Church of God at Nocatee, Fla. and trusted God for his healing. The funeral was by his pastor, J. M. Hodge, and interment was in the Oak Ridge cemetery.

TAYLOR

Mrs. Theresa Caroline Taylor died May 5 at the age of eighty-two years. Her body was laid to rest in Old Grays cemetery.—Alva V. Cartwright, Old Grays, Deadmans Cay, Long Island, Jamaica.

KUTH

Stewart Kuth, son of Brother and Sister William Kuth of Millstone, Ky., died March 22, 1937 at the age of thirteen years, two months and six days. He trusted the Lord and prayed all the time. The funeral was conducted by Sam Holcomb and the body taken to Alabama for burial.—Sam Holcomb, Essie, Ky.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the Church of God folks of Mt. Olive, Tenn. for their kindness and help during the sickness and death of our husband and father. May God's richest blessings rest upon all who extended a helping hand in any way.—Mrs. Emma Jones and Mrs. Katie Keller.

Reports

Carrollton, Ga. Dist. Conv'n.

On March 19-21 the Carrollton, Ga. district convention convened at Carrollton, Ga. with the state overseer, Brother John C. Jernigan, in charge. All of the ministers on the district were present. The Lord came down in the very first service and blessed in a wonderful way.

Saturday Brother Dewey Adams preached, his text being "The Way of the Transgressor is Hard."

Sunday morning we heard the reports of the different churches on the district. At noon Brother H. L. Rickerson gave us a message on missions. A \$16.00 offering was taken for same. After dinner we assembled in the church building and heard a wonderful message on "The Rapture" by Brother John C. Jernigan. Everyone seemed more determined than ever to do more for God and His cause. Dear readers, please pray that God will help me to establish a church in every town on the district.—Yours in the Master's service, Horatio Mitchell, district overseer, Carrollton, Ga.

Eastern, Ky. Dist. Convention

The Eastern district convention convened at McVeigh, Ky., Feb. 26-28. The convention opened Friday night with Brother T. M. McClendon, in charge. After songs and prayer the welcome address was given by the local pastor. Brother Jesse Sutherland, pastor at Freeburn, brought a wonderful message which was enjoyed by all. After this an altar call was given in which two received the Holy Ghost.

Saturday morning at 9:30 prayer service was conducted by Brother L. L. Hatfield and was enjoyed by all. This was followed by a sermon by Brother N. B. Thacker. Brother Elliott Justice then brought a message followed by general instructions by our state overseer. At 7:00 a. m. service opened with songs and shouts after which an offering was taken for our state overseer. Brother L. S. Cooper then talked on the Evangel after which several subscriptions were secured for same. Brother W. B. Webb talked on the state paper followed by a talk on the Willing Workers' Band by Brother T. M. McClendon. Brother Noah Simpkins delivered a message which was soul-stirring. At 8:45 Brother Don Staten brought a message followed by an altar call, at which time several came to the altar.

Sunday morning at 9:30 we were at the house of God singing and praising God with the presence of the Lord in our

midst. At 10:00 a. m. Brother E. R. Noel of West Virginia brought a message which was greatly enjoyed. A mission talk followed by Brother McClendon and an offering was taken in the amount of \$30.14. This was followed by the reports of the churches. Each church responded with a good report. Last but not least came a talk by our state Y. P. E. superintendent. The Eastern district doesn't expect to lead the state of Kentucky but we do expect to make the one that does lead work. Our preachers left the convention with a zeal to push our state program.—Mrs. Evelyn Marcum Pack, convention clerk, Pinsonfork, Ky.

Morgantown, Miss. District Convention

The district convention which convened at Morgantown, Miss. March 19-21 was enjoyed by all who attended. On Friday night, Brother Roy Blackwood, local pastor, delivered a stirring welcome address. This address was followed by a short talk from Honorable Kelly J. Hammond. Mr. Hammond made a fine impression in his address. W. M. Fowler, former pastor of this church, delivered a message of inspiration. We were shown in plain words the necessity of why we should be responsible for what Christ has placed in our care.

On Saturday morning Mrs. Annie B. Alexander brought a soul-stirring sermon. This fine sermon was followed by a wonderful message by Brother J. C. Lentz. The following evening our loyal overseer, Brother M. J. Headley, gave us one of the best explanations on "Love" we have heard in a while. Brother Headley, you are to be given much credit for same. This excellent sermon was followed by one which was uplifting. Brother Cameron preached and gave much information on "Advancement in Christ." During these fine messages much shouting and rejoicing came. On Saturday night Brother A. J. Gardner, pastor at Hattiesburg, Miss., led us into the depths of the misty past and explained fully the voice of God. Brother Gardner, we were much benefited.

On the morning of the 21st, which was Sunday, Brother Horace Taylor of Meadville, Miss. followed the trail of the Israelites from the fields of brick and mortar to the crucifixion of Christ on a Spirit-filled church. Brother Taylor, your message was good. Last but not least, Brother M. J. Headley stirred the congregation with the Macedonian call. One could imagine Paul in the walls of Philippi planting the first gospel post in Europe.

Our local pastor closed the convention on Sunday night. This convention was good and made a lasting impression upon

all.—Andrew J. Beard, clerk.

Tuscaloosa, Ala. Dist. Conv'n.

The Tuscaloosa district convention convened at the Buhl church on March 27, 28. The Lord was with us in every service. Saturday night the service was a real value to the soul from start to finish. The Spirit of the Lord came on the scene in the beginning of the service. Brother Smith of Green Pond conducted a praise service which was enjoyed by all. After the praise service Brother G. C. Dunn brought a soul-stirring message, which brought shouts of victory and manifestation of great joy.

Sunday morning after Sunday School Brother Dunn brought another message, which was a general round-up given in his good, jovial way of preaching. In the afternoon service special music was given by the Cody quartet and the daughters of Brother Simpson Wood, after which the district pastor gave the report of the churches. Each church was paid up on missions and aged ministers' fund. After the report an offering was taken for foreign missions which brought \$16.35.

We then had preaching by all the preachers present, giving each about five minutes. This was enjoyed by all. The service lasted until late in the afternoon but was filled with good things from the Lord's table.

The convention left us encouraged and determined to fight on until we reach the end or He comes for us.—Raymond Taylor, district pastor.

Rocky Mt., N. C. Dist. S. S. and Y. P. E. Convention

I praise the Lord for the success of the Rocky Mount district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention which convened at Rocky Mount, April 2-4. Brother W. L. Denton, district S. S. and Y. P. E. supt., was in charge of the convention. On Friday night our S. S. and Y. P. E. superintendent, Brother T. C. Franklin, brought us a wonderful message which was enjoyed by all.

Saturday night Brother Max Atkins, state S. S. and Y. P. E. evangelist, delivered a glorious message. "Sunday morning service started at 9:45. The Sunday School lesson was omitted, only the roll and money were taken for Sunday School. After this we had a good song and prayer service, followed by the welcome address of our good pastor, Brother J. G. Houck, whom, we regret, was ill during the convention and was unable to attend as he desired. Response to the welcome address was given by Brother Atkins, followed by a message by Brother E. V. Strickland after which his Sunday School from Roanoke Rapids gave an in-

teresting program.

About 1:00 o'clock we adjourned for dinner. Service started again at 2:00. We had string music and special singing at the opening of this service. Next a mission offering was taken for the missions in the amount of \$6.02. Brother T. C. Franklin gave instructions relating to the Y. P. E. which were very interesting and enjoyed by all. The Rocky Mount Y. P. E. then presented a play, followed by Brother W. E. Feltman and his church from Goldsboro presenting an enjoyable program.

This brought the district S. S. and Y. P. E. convention to a close, but the good will go on. I feel that everyone present was blessed in a wonderful way. We want every one who reads this to pray for our church at Rocky Mount that the Lord will bless us in our work.—Miss Annie Laurie Bradshaw, secretary and treasurer of S. S. and Y. P. E.

Cantwell, Mo. Dist. Conv'n.

Our convention which convened at Bonne Terre, Mo. April 2 has come and gone but will long be remembered by the good fellowship and love which prevailed in every service. Our state overseer, Brother H. N. Scoggins, and our district overseer, Brother John O. Yates, were in charge. Service opened at 7:30 with songs and prayer. The welcome address was given by the pastor, Brother Yates, with interesting responses by Brothers Elmer Clark and Leslie Orrick.

Services began Saturday morning at 10:00. Following the songs and prayers Brother Raymond Hall gave a discourse. This was uplifting and enjoyed. Brother Isaac Sumpter gave us an inspiring talk, followed by a short talk by Sister Myrtle Barker. These messages were right to the point and the service ended with much rejoicing and praising God. The afternoon service opened with songs and prayers, after which Brother M. D. Swartz brought a message. Following this Brother Lee Holdman brought us a message. Brother Chronister, an Assembly of God pastor, then gave us a short talk and had many good things to say about the messages he heard, also the good fellowship which was manifested. At 7:30 the young people put on a very enjoyable program conducted by Brother M. D. Swartz, our district Y. P. E. superintendent. We certainly had a wonderful time. During the service we had an old-fashioned wave offering and the power of God fell in a mighty way. At 8:30 our state overseer gave us a very timely message.

Sunday morning after songs and prayer Brother R. E. Worley brought us a stirring message on Sunday School and missions. An offering was taken for mis-

sions amounting to \$11.05. Brother Scoggins then brought us a message on "The Church as it Should Be," which made the congregation realize plainly that we as a Church could move up quite a bit. After the devotional Sunday afternoon we had the call of the churches. All pastors responded with a good report. Next we had a wonderful message by J. L. Underwood which showed the blessings that resulted from obedience. The state and district overseers then gave a few remarks of encouragement about the work on the district. The convention came to a close with handshakes and good-byes and good will abounding in our hearts.—One who enjoyed the convention, Freida Yates.

Praise God for Sunday School and Church at Twila, Ky.

TWILA, Ky.—We praise God and His Son for our church and Sunday School at Twila. We really have victory over Satan here. We have a wonderful pastor, Brother Ed Cox, who is doing a good work and has the co-operation of all God's blood-bought saints here. Though a small church in number, we work in harmony one with another and greatest of all, we surely have God's approval. We ask the prayers of every saint that we will be faithful to the end and God will increase our number by the salvation of many souls. God bless everyone who reads this.—Hattie Duncan.

Whitwell, Tenn. Dist. Conv'n.

The Whitwell, Tenn. district convention convened at Dunlap Church of God, April 2-4, 1937, with Brother J. W. Thurmon in charge. The welcome address was given by Brother Thurmon and Sister Annie Kilgore. Responses were made by Brother Calvin Moore and others. A good spirit was in the convention from the first service. Our state overseer, Brother M. P. Cross, was with us. We also had other visitors—Brothers R. R. Walker, Blackwell, Towns and Dagnan. Brother Blackwell brought a very inspiring message Friday evening.

Saturday morning the service opened with songs and prayer. Brother John Stewart brought an interesting and helpful message followed by a timely message by Brother Joe Colston. Then we had another good sermon by Brother John Scalf. God blessed with a mission offering of \$10.05 and an orphanage offering of \$5.00. We were glad to have Brother Lyle Gentry and Brother Pateron with us from the Dayton district. In the afternoon Brother Shewburg led a most inspiring testimony meeting. The evening service opened with songs and prayer after which the Y. P. E. took charge. Sisters Annie Kilgore and Grace

Baumgardiner leading. Brother Chester Lingerfelt gave a good talk. This was followed by special music by the Dunlap quartet and Brother Keith and his string band from Pikeville. Brother R. R. Walker gave his testimony on how he found the Church of God, which was greatly enjoyed by all. Brother Keith brought a wonderful message.

Sunday morning the service opened with songs and prayer. At 10:00 o'clock we had report of the Sunday School work by the district superintendent, Brother Joe Colston. The reports showed great improvements in most of the Sunday Schools. At 11:00 o'clock we had a sermon by the state overseer. God wonderfully blessed this message which was helpful to all present. The afternoon and last service of the convention was given to the report of the churches on the district, all responding with encouraging reports. This was a great convention. God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost were present in every service.—Joe Colston, reporter.

Double Springs Dist. Conv'n.

The convention of the Double Springs, Ala. district met at Jones Chapel, April 2-4, with Brother G. C. Dunn, state overseer, and Brother W. G. Pearson, district pastor, in charge. Hearts were made to rejoice when the people began to gather in from over the district.

Song service began at 7:00 p. m. Friday evening. The welcome address was given by the pastor, W. G. Pearson. Brother Avis L. Hasford conducted a testimony service. I surely believe everybody had been doing something for the Lord and they had something to rejoice over. Brother C. T. Dunn then brought a message which everyone enjoyed.

Saturday morning at 10:00 a. m. service began. Short talks were given by Sister H. W. Williams, Sister Taylor, Brother Albert Lee, Brother Mitchell Lee, and Brother Thurston Rodgers. The afternoon service was opened at 2:00 p. m. with songs and prayer. We then listened to a good sermon by Brother H. W. Williams. Saturday night Brother G. C. Dunn, state overseer, brought us a wonderful message.

Sunday morning Sunday School was omitted and testimony service was conducted by the writer. It seemed that heaven was swung wide and we were made to feast on the goodness of God. Brother Dunn, state overseer, then brought a message. I wish every child of God could have heard this message. I believe all of us saw room to move up and pray to God for more faith. Dinner was then spread and everybody enjoyed a good dinner. At 2:00 p. m. we began song service. Brother G. C. Dunn talked

on missions and took a collection for same in the amount of \$6.21. Then came the reports from each church on the district, which were enjoyed, because we had been doing something for the Lord. The convention then came to a close. I am sure each one went back home with a greater desire to do something for the Lord.

Please pray for me that I may stay humble before God and be like Job was: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him."—Yours for the master, A. L. Sandlin, Rt. 4, Cullman, Ala.

Hayesville, N. C. District Convention

HAYESVILLE, N. C.—The Hayesville district convention convened with the Scaly Church of God, April 11, 1937, with Brother John L. Stephens, state overseer in charge.

For convenience the program was crowded into one day. Notwithstanding the cold weather, every active minister on the district and a capacity crowd were present to enjoy the many blessings, wonderful power, visible manifestations and miraculous work of the Holy Ghost.

Time, space and words fail us to tell of the blessedness of this high day in Zion. It was the mind of many that it was the best convention ever convening on the Hayesville district and possibly just as good as many others about which more has been said.—Pauline Davenport, convention clerk.

Wonderful District Convention Held

The Asheville, N. C. district convention which was held at the Church of God in Canton, N. C., where Brother and Sister J. M. Snyder are stationed, convened April 9, 10. Brother John L. Stephens, accompanied by his wife, daughter and sister-in-law, gave some timely advice and instructions which were very beneficial and greatly appreciated. Sister Helen Morrow brought a marvelous message on "I saw the Lord." The congregation was moved to tears and shouts, the precious Holy Ghost took charge and spoke through Sister Stephens, after which the altar was filled with seekers.

Those present heard from every preacher on the district Saturday morning before the convention terminated at 1:00 p. m. At the close of the convention an offering for the mission cause was taken. God surely was present during this district convention. It was a heart-searching time as well as a feeding of the soul, and we trust much good and great success will be the result because of this

convention.—Margaret E. James, Canton, N. C.

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Over 17,000 soap coupons gathered up and brought to convention.

The shouts and praises of God burst forth through tears and laughter. We certainly appreciated the blessings afresh from heaven.

Brother Stephens informs us that the first Sunday in May all the pastors arranged to conduct services out in new fields that day. They called it "Answering the Macedonian Call." This, he believes, will be, by following it up, the means of getting a number of new churches this year. He states that he has a large number of churches already this year, with many good prospects developing.

The four special broadcasts of the convention, we feel, were a great blessing to thousands of our people, and possibly millions of others heard the Church of God program, by the co-operation of W. B. T. and W. S. O. C., Charlotte. The messages were inspiring, and I believe we are all better acquainted after following the instructive message of Brother Padgett on "Get Acquainted." Our prayers are following you, North Carolina.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

Expect to Move Out

HAYESVILLE, N. C.—We are glad for the presence of God and the manifestation of the Holy Ghost in our services. Last September the Lord wonderfully blessed a little work here at which time the membership increased from nineteen to forty-nine. In recent months the power of God has been falling in the regular prayer meeting and Y. P. E. services and souls are getting blessed and coming into the fold. Brother Stone, of Shooting Creek, has been preaching for us occasionally. No doubt, his humility, meekness and willingness to be used of the Lord is responsible for the added interest we now have. For all this we feel grateful to the Lord. We are conceding the enemy no ground, but expect to move on.—Glover P. Ledford.

A Report from Aransas Pass, Texas

Praise God, I am so glad for this "full" salvation today. I thank God for the "press along" spirit that we have here at Aransas Pass.

Sister M. B. Schroeder opened a revival here the 25th of April. We are expecting many souls to be saved and added to God's royal family. We are planning a new building for the very near future, we hope it will be well under way by the time you read this.

Our Y. P. E. is being built up and the interest is good. Thank God! We are looking forward to do great things for God on this district this year, and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose, Rom. 8:28.

Please pray for the work here that God will lead in all things.—Edna Frautschi.

Thankful for a Prayer-Answering God

I praise God for what He is to me, He is my all in all. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost and healing me of something like an attack of appendicitis. I am thankful for a prayer-answering God. Praise His wonderful name.

I am a member of the Church of God in Baltimore, Md., for which I praise Him. We have a good pastor, Brother Fred B. Marine. He is a real man of God. We have learned to love Brother and Sister Marine since they came to Baltimore. Brother Marine really feeds his flock on the gospel truths. Pray for my husband that he will be an overcomer at all times and get closer to the Lord. Also pray for my father and brother to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and for my other brother and sisters, brothers-in-law and sister-in-law to be saved before it's too late. Pray for me to ever stay humble at Jesus' feet and be ready to go when He comes or calls for me.—Your sister under the blood, Mrs. John Wilson, Reisterstown, Md.

Moving Higher

ROCK HILL, S. C.—I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing in Rock Hill, S. C. and for the good workers we have here in the church. We have a real pastor, Brother E. L. Jacobs, who stands by us. We surely do feast on the good Word as He delivers it. It is just like a revival all the time. Many souls are getting saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—One who loves the Lord, Polly McAbee, 2 Long Ave.

He who puts his trust in God is running no risk of being deceived.

News from the Mission Field

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

Good Soldiers Endure Hardness

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ," 2 Tim. 2: 3.

I have felt impressed for some time to write a few lines on this subject as we see the war clouds gathering, both national and spiritual, and Paul here is giving instructions to Timothy to be strong and brave and have spiritual power. Dear soldiers everywhere, we are called and chosen to be good soldiers and in order to be one we must endure. Webster says to endure means to support without breaking or yielding, to put up with, bear with patience, to remain firm as under suffering, to suffer without giving up.

Enduring temptations.—James 1:12 says, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." (No crown without the trial.)

Mark 4:14-17, "The sower soweth the word. And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; and have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended."

Now, we see so many soldiers weakening as the battle grows harder, just when it seems they are most needed to stand to show others. The battle is on. Mark 13: 13 says, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." These "all men" are those who oppose the truth, whether father, mother, sister, or brother, wife or husband. Jesus says "ye shall be hated" if you will be a good soldier unto the end. Paul says again, 2 Tim. 3:10, 11, "But thou hast fully known my doctrine (or teaching), manner of life, purpose, faith longsuffering, charity, patience, persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me." I believe these are some of the hardness that proves a good soldier, and probably some are now

going through some of these to get ready for a harder battle.

Sometimes we think we can't stand but read Eph. 6:10, 11, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Now the Spirit says the Lord wants consecrated soldiers. May the dear Lord help us everywhere not to faint but pray and have that love that endureth all things.

This is the reason we endure, Heb. 12:2, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." v. 3, "For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." Abraham endured and obtained the promise.

Ezek. 22:14, "Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee?" Heb. 12:7, "If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?" Also read vv. 8-10. Now God in many ways deals with His soldiers to get them to be good soldiers. While some are faint-hearted, yet every one who is a Christian is a soldier, chosen in the service of the Lord, fighting against sin and the wickedness of this world. It is waxing worse every day and it behooves every soldier of the cross to stay at his post and watch and listen for the command. There are many duties to perform and those who are not good soldiers make it hard on the ones who are good.

Now we see a bright day coming for the great Church of God on this island. We thank the Lord for Brother and Sister Hawkes who have been with us since December and they are doing a great work at West Devon. The work there is increasing, the interest is good. They surely have the work at heart. We are praying for the Lord to send us more soldiers. This field is white and I feel that it is God's time for the Church to rise and shine, so come on, don't faint in your mind.

You may want to know about the condition of the island. Recent statistics show that the population is 90,000 with approximately 250 churches of all kinds, with about 160 clergymen. The Roman

Catholics lead with about 38,000, the United Church comes next with about 22,000, Presbyterians about 8,000, Baptist and Anglican about 5,000, and each Christian Church about 1,000. There are some smaller churches that were not mentioned. People are calling for the Church of God in some places where these churches are and we know we have the right one without a doubt, so remember you are a soldier of some kind to help in some way. May this be the best year for us all. Please pray for us.—C. E. Glenn, West Devon, P. E. I., Canada.

Letcher, Ky. Dist. Convention

The Letcher, Ky. district convention convened at Vicco, Ky., April 9-11, with Brother T. M. McClendon, overseer, and Brother Tom Basham, district overseer, in charge. Services began Friday night at 7:30 with a good devotional service after which Brother John C. Rose gave the welcome address, followed by response by Brothers J. C. Mooney, Tom Underwood, Wick Spicer, and Sister Mattie Fields. Brother Sam Holcomb gave an inspiring message followed by an altar service. The power of the Lord came down in the first service and blessed throughout the convention.

It would be impossible to tell each blessing that came from God on Saturday but truly they were many. Brother D. N. Baker gave a talk, followed by one by Brother Basham. After this Brother W. A. Wilcox gave a good talk, and Brother W. J. Blair brought a message which was an inspiration to all present. Saturday night service began again at 7:30. Every speaker seemed to be at his best. Brother L. S. Cooper gave a talk on the Evangel followed by a talk by Brother Sam Holcomb on the Kentucky News. Then Brother W. B. Webb of McVeigh preached a wonderful message. Brother Bee Day gave an encouraging talk.

Sunday morning service began at 9:30 with devotional. We then had a brief talk from our state overseer who took up a mission offering in the amount of \$41.20. Brother Shepherd gave a talk followed by a splendid one by Brother L. S. Cooper. Following this were the reports of the churches of the district. These reports were good and prove that God's people are working together for the advancement of His great cause. We enjoyed the special singing of the Lynch quartet and others. We enjoyed having visitors from various districts with us. This was a great convention and surely all of God's people present had a greater desire to serve and work for Him. Pray that God will bless us.—Miss Annalene Spence, Cromona, Ky.

Requests

Please pray for the Lord to save my husband and heal his body. He is very sick. Pray for my hands to be healed.—Mrs. Mary Engle, Preston, Md.

Brother L. G. Rouse's address is Metz, W. Va.

Pray that God will send a Holy Ghost man or woman through here to preach the true gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray that my husband will give his heart to God. Pray for me, also my father, sisters, brothers and other loved ones. The nearest church to me is Akron. I would appreciate encouraging letters. It's been six months since I've been to church. Pray that I'll get to go.—Geneva Smith, 2510 Chestnut Rd., North Olmsted, Ohio.

Please pray for my father, that the Lord will heal him of smothering spells. Also pray that He will take a growth out of my mouth. Pray that my children will come into the fold at once, and for my mother to be filled with the precious Holy Ghost.—Frank Raynor, Oneida, Tenn.

Please pray for us. The pastor, Brother Beagle is having a hard pull. Pray earnestly for our meeting.—Evangelist Bertha G. Shideler, Addyston, Ohio.

Dear ones, please pray for me. I am afflicted and so nervous I can hardly go. If any one feels led to send me an anointed handkerchief, it will be appreciated. I am needed so much to work for my family. Pray for God to provide a place here for us to worship. Brother Banks preaches for us at 3:00 each Sunday.—Ruby Barnes, Marvell, Ark.

Please, every one, pray for my daughter to be healed.—Mrs. H. W. Beggerly.

Please pray for me. I am a little girl eleven years old. I have adenoids and cannot hear well. I also have a growth on my body which has been there a long time. Don't forget to pray for me.—Doris Long, Rt. 1, Princess Anne, Md.

Pray for God to heal me. If you feel led to write or send me an anointed handkerchief, please obey the Lord.—Mrs. Paul Ross, East Lynn, W. Va.

Dear saints, please pray for me to get complete victory over an affliction in my body. Sometimes I feel I am healed but the devil tempts me with the

thought of death and the hospital and sometimes a pain. Saints, pray until you get victory. I mean to live for Jesus and teach my children the way of holiness.—Mrs. Etta McMickle, Colt, Ark.

Pray a special prayer that I might receive the Holy Ghost and be healed of a goiter. I have two little girls with very bad ear trouble. Pray for them also. Pray that my husband and six children will be saved.—Mrs. Annie Richardson, Rt. 2, Box 1, Holly Grove, Ark.

Pray for my daughter, Mrs. A. B. Miller, that God will heal her of a serious affliction. She is trusting God. Pray that God will use me to His glory. I am the only Church of God member here. We started a Sunday School two weeks ago and had thirty-two present last Sunday. My heart is burdened for this place and my lost children. They need the full gospel preached to them. If any one feels led to come here, I am sure God will bless, but they will have to be willing to bear hardships for it is a hard place. Pray much for me and for a sister to get the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Josie Brumlow, Rt. 1, Sugar Valley, Ark.

I am very ill, just returned from the hospital where the only relief offered was an operation for stomach ulcers of long standing. I returned home rather than to submit to a useless operation. I believe Jesus can heal and ask that you have special prayer for me.—Mrs. I. C. Parrish, Marion, Va.

I am suffering very much with goiter and would appreciate the prayers of the Evangel readers.—Mrs. Paul Morris, 172 Pendleton St., Marion, Virginia.

Please pray for Mr. Shirley and his wife. They are in a backslidden condition but want to get back to the Lord. Pray for a family here to be healed. Pray for my children, brothers and sisters to get saved.—Mrs. Paul Franklin, Clarksville, Ga., Rt. 4.

We are now in a revival at Lancaster, S. C., with Brother W. L. Edgar doing the preaching. Pray that many souls will be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and come into the Church of God.—J. W. Hannah, pastor.

Please pray for the revival at Zellwood, Fla., conducted by Brother W. Burl Sumner.—D. J. Cupp, pastor.

I request prayer for the healing of my body. I have a goiter and am trusting the Lord for my healing. I am a member of the Church of God.—Mrs. Leola Mitchell, Rt., Scottsboro, Ala.

Please pray a special prayer for my daughter-in-law. She has a bone felon on her finger. She has nervous spells and can't rest or gain strength. Also pray for her mother whose burdens are heavy and she has heart trouble.—Mrs. Claud McGee, Holly Grove, Ark.

Pray for Mrs. Versie Pearson, that God will heal her. She has cancer of the head and doctors have given her up.—Mrs. Thurman Pearson, Tomnolen, Miss.

I have some very special requests for prayer. God knows about them and is able to undertake, so please pray for these.—A sister in Christ, Maud Martin, Rt. 2, Box 17, Altoona, Ala.

Dear Evangel readers, Brother T. E. Bali of Davenport, Va. is seriously ill with T. B. I have just brought him home from the sanatorium and the doctor there said there was no chance for him, that we might just as well bring him home where he could be as content as possible what few days he had to live. Now he has quit tobacco. His wife is a member of the Church of God and I feel sure he will be the first chance he has. Please ask God to heal him in the name of Jesus.—Your brother in Christ, A. P. Farmer.

Dear readers, please pray a special prayer for me, I have been sick three days. Please pray that God will heal. I also have an unspoken request. Pray that God will have His way.—Your brother in Christ, J. H. Irby, Rt. 3, Oak Grove, La.

Dear saints, please pray earnestly for me. My afflictions are so great, my body has weakened so much, I do not see or come in contact with many members and I have weakened spiritually. I am going through one of the greatest tests; God knows about it. Pray that opposition will be removed and I will receive the Holy Ghost and get deliverance. I am so hungry for spiritual food and how I crave to go to church. Pray that I might be obedient and humble in every way and have greater faith. Encouraging letters will be appreciated. I would like to write all friends in distant states but I am so nervous now. Keep me on your hearts.—Mrs. F. C. Campbell, 109 Hudson Ave., Rossville, Ga.

Please pray for a very urgent request, also pray that God will touch my body and make me strong while out on the battle field. Pray that God will bless me with souls for my labor. My husband has kidney trouble, please pray for him. My children have just been saved so pray that they will stand true.—In His service, Mrs. Sarah Wood, Hardburly, Ky.

Perry, Fla. Dist. Convention

Praise the Lord for the Perry district convention which convened at Perry, Fla., April 16-18. The Lord surely did bless. Brother E. W. Williams, state overseer, officiated, assisted by Brother W. M. Rumler, district pastor.

The convention opened Friday night with devotional and the welcome address by Brother Rumler, pastor of Perry church. The response was given by Brothers Stephens, Land, Corley, and Peeples. Following this Sister Bessie Thomas gave an interesting talk. The sermon for the evening was delivered by Brother R. F. Kirkland, followed by an altar service. The Lord surely did pour out His blessings in this service.

Saturday afternoon service was given to Brother Williams. He gave instructions to the Y. P. E., Sunday School and church officials. The Saturday evening service was a good one, Brother B. E. Chesser was the first speaker of the evening. He spoke in interest of Y. P. E. and Bible School. Brother W. M. Rumler brought the message of the evening. The service was brought to a close with an altar service.

Service began Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock. The first speaker of the day was Brother R. F. Kirkland who spoke in interest of Sunday School. Following this Brother Williams gave a talk on missions and an offering was taken which amounted to \$50.00. We thank the Lord for this because Perry district is one of the smaller districts. After this Brother Rumler gave a talk in behalf of the Evangel and State News. At 11:00 o'clock Brother Williams brought a message which was inspiring and uplifting to everyone. At this time we adjourned for dinner which was served on the grounds. There was a bountiful supply of good things. At 2:30 p. m. service began again with all the churches reporting. All were up on their quotas for which we praise the Lord.

We surely enjoyed the special music rendered by Brother Morris Lee and his brother of Dowling Park during the convention. I am sure everyone felt the presence of the Lord throughout this series of services. I am truly thankful I was able to attend.—Mrs. E. M. Beard, Box 102, Foley, Fla.

A Glorious Convention

The Lemmon, South Dakota district convention that convened at Lemmon, South Dakota in the High School Auditorium, April 16-18 has gone, leaving us a holy effect and the most pleasant memories. Brother D. C. Boatwright was in charge, and when you understand that he enjoys the utmost confidence and respect of the South Dakota people, it is no sur-

prise that the whole convention was conducted in an efficient way.

The presence of Brother F. W. Lemons and Brother L. W. Sisk of Minot, N. Dak. meant a lot to the success of this meeting. Their preaching was on par with the standard of holiness. H. S. Syverson of Lewistown, Mont., and many others rendered indispensable service in singing and the giving forth of His Word.

The Bible School program was impressive and awakened us to its value to the Church and a lost world. Foreign missions were remembered with a good offering. It is truly gratifying with this country's great need that others were remembered. With a little effort twenty-six subscriptions were taken for the Evangel. This number was beyond our expectation.

The convention came to a close Sunday night with a crowning service in which two were saved and two added to the church. Two others came near and lingered at the foot of Calvary where the Giver of all good gifts encouraged, inspired and blessed those who came to Him.

If the Lord permits us to have another convention in Lemmon, we shall try to make it a better one, even though it was a common expression that this was the best ever held in Lemmon.—Glyndon Logsdon, pastor.

Ravia, Okla. Dist. Convention

The district meeting held at Ravia, Okla. Church of God was wonderful. We had quite a few visitors, Brother S. J. Wood being one of them. The Lord was with us from the beginning. Services started Friday night, Brother R. S. Collins delivered a good message. Saturday night Brother Curtsinger preached. It surely was accompanied by the power of God.

Sunday we had all-day service, which began with a good prayer and song service. Brother Johnnie Moore, pastor of Ravia church, gave a talk on the Church of God Evangel; how it had blessed so many who couldn't attend church and went into homes of unsaved people where a preacher couldn't go. Sister Wilson then talked in behalf of the orphans and made us see our need of doing more for them. She was the former pastor of Ravia and has been a great blessing to a number of souls here. Brother Wood gave a brief talk on the ten-cent drive for aged ministers. The churches on this district went over the top on the ten-cent drive. He then gave a message on "Strict Adherence to the Church and its Program." After we had feasted on the good, spiritual food we spread dinner. After noon we had the call of churches. Each responded with

good songs and a brief talk from the pastors. The convention closed at 4:30 p. m.

We went from there to the Bullet Prairie church where Brother Wood brought another good message. The meeting closed with handshakes and good-byes. Sister Mollie Wilson started a revival at the Ravia church, so please pray for the revival and for me that I will do the Master's will.—Lillie Lyons, Ravia, Okla.

Knoxville, Tenn. Dist. Conv'n.

The district convention of the Knoxville district convened at Knoxville, Tenn., 8th Ave. Church of God, April 9-11. The convention opened with our state overseer, Brother M. P. Cross, in charge. The welcome address by the local pastor, Brother R. E. Hamilton, was followed with responses by Brothers James Allison and B. E. Ellis. Brother W. J. Milligan, pastor of the Church of God at Cleveland, brought a stirring message. This message was great and God blessed our souls.

Saturday morning Brother D. A. Biggs spoke to us. Brother Cross brought the message to the ministers which was enjoyed by all present. Saturday afternoon was given to the broadcast service. Saturday evening at 7:00 p. m. we had devotional service after which the writer spoke on the orphanage. An offering was then taken for same in the amount of \$25.20, for which we thank the Lord. Brother G. W. Hodges brought the message. An altar call was made and many came seeking a closer walk with God.

Sunday morning after a short Sunday School the convention was called to order by the state overseer. Brother W. R. Rawls gave a talk on Sunday School. Then Brother Cross talked on Missions. This talk stirred the souls of many and an offering was given which amounted to \$41.35. After this Brother Zeno C. Tharp, Superintendent of Education, Cleveland, brought the message, which was wonderful. God came down and blessed our souls and encouraged us to press on. We adjourned for noon, dinner was served on the grounds.

Sunday afternoon the call of the churches on the district was given. Every church responded with a large delegation. After the reports of the churches Brother George Britt talked to us and every one present enjoyed this message. Brother W. P. Meyers talked after which Brother Cross closed the convention. The power of God fell and we rejoiced together, thanking and praising God for His love and tender mercies toward us. I feel Jesus is getting us ready for that great day. Oh, I'm more encouraged to press the battle for Jesus. Pray for us at Knox-

ville.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Bessie Jones, 1441 N. 4th Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.

Perry, Okla. Dist. Convention

Our district convention was a grand success from the first song to the last amen. The convention began Friday night, April 23. Our pastor, Brother Hoggatt, in giving the welcome address said that since Perry was the only church on the district he wanted it to be the biggest little convention any of us had ever attended, and I really don't think anyone could call it little when God blessed in such a big way. Sister Matthew of Oklahoma City was anointed with the evening message which was very inspiring.

Our next service was Saturday afternoon. This service was one never to be forgotten. Most of the afternoon was taken up in testimonies. God so wonderfully anointed each one who testified. A visitor sang for us in French. Before singing she requested that we pray for her people in Southern Louisiana, where she said there were few Christians and very few churches. Our next service was Saturday night. Brother Curtsinger of Seminole brought the evening message, which really touched our hearts.

Sunday morning we all met for service again. It made us happy to see that a great number had come from far and near. After singing, several sermonettes were delivered, one each on missions, B. T. S., the Evangel, Willing Workers' Band, and our orphanage. After these talks Brother Wood preached to us. This was teaching really to be appreciated. We then had our basket dinner. This was a day of feasting both temporally and spiritually. Our afternoon service was spent in church representations. Since Perry was the only church on the district several of the out-of-district churches reported also. A special incident in this service was a song dedicated to two elderly couples. We all marched by and clasped their hands, sisters embracing sisters and brothers embracing brothers. We were made to realize what it means to us when these couples stood true to God years ago when they were the only holiness people in this town, braving the battle, having Sunday School and church wherever they could, until one day God sent the Church of God this way. With this service our convention ended about five o'clock and really we believe God was the author of it all.—Sister Helen Symes.

Dayton, Tenn. Dist. Conv'n.

The district convention of the Dayton, Tenn. district convened at the Dayton Church of God, April 16-18, beginning

Friday at 7:00 p. m. with songs, prayer and music. The welcome address was given by the district pastor, the writer. Brother Keith gave the response, followed by a wonderful sermon by our state overseer, M. P. Cross.

Service began at 10:00 a. m. Saturday with songs and prayer, followed by sermons by Brother Heber Brumley and Sister Ethel Brumley. Then Brother Avery Lane brought a message which seemed to stir our souls. Saturday night service began with songs and prayer followed by a testimony service, after which Brother Otto Risser, pastor of the Foursquare Gospel tabernacle, brought the message. An altar call was given and many came to the altar. One prayed through to the Holy Ghost.

Service opened Sunday morning with a devotional, followed by a message on missions by Sister Gentry. Then Brother Cross made a touching talk on missions, after which a mission offering was taken in the amount of \$15.00. He then brought a message which was enjoyed by all. The churches on the district were represented by delegates. Good reports were heard from the churches. Brother Keith and his string band played and sang some soul-stirring songs. The convention closed with everyone feeling fine and encouraged to do more.—Willie Lyle, district pastor.

Assurance to Those Who Wait on the Lord

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be proclaimed upon the housetops," Luke 12:3.

YOU CAN GET A VISION OF GOD IN THE CLOSET

It is easy to get a vision of God when you have spent some time in secret, and this is the ONLY way to get a perfect glimpse of God and be ready when Jesus comes.

We read in the book of Joel, "Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet," Joel 2:16.

YOU SEE, THIS IS WHEN JESUS COMES. She will have such a heavenly halo in her soul that she will be in the closet on her knees looking for her beloved. Don't you see? Men and women who are out car riding, rollicking and looking in at the show windows for a new dress pattern, loitering in drinking places, gossiping, and telling and listening to smutty yarns, will not be ready to greet the blessed Bridegroom.

"Enter in thy closet, . . . pray to thy Father which is in secret." This is

where we renew our strength in the Lord. If you are so faithful as to be in the secret chamber on your knees, pleading for the Lord to help, or have mercy, or fill you with abundant grace, you doubtless will go to take the ride up into the air and into the heavenly city with Jesus and so ever be with the Lord. Anyway the old prophet says she, the bride, will come out of her chamber.

Are you a weakling? Get to the secret chamber. A few times each day will bless you. Many stand at the looking glass ten times longer than they pray. Oh, what a shame! You think so much more of your looks than of your soul's welfare. You want to look so good to men and women, but you go ungroomed in your soul, no oil on your head before God. You will be left, that is all. Then you will spend much time crying and it will be too late. Lord help us.

STATE CONVENTIONS

Florida (Wimauma) Camp Meeting June 3-13; Convention June 9-11.

Tennessee June 10-13

Virginia (during camp meeting) June 16-17.

West Virginia (Beckley) June 17-20

Michigan and Ontario camp meeting and convention (Lake Odessa, Mich.) June 19-27. Paul H. Walker, overseer

Pennsylvania (Somerset) June 30-July 4

Northwest (Minot), N. Dak., S. Dak., Wyo., Minn., Wis., Mont., Western Canada, camp meeting July 1-11; convention July 8-11.

Kentucky (Somerset) Aug. 20-22

Missouri Aug. 27-29

Maine (Appleton) New England States, New Hampshire, Vermont, Mass., R. I., and Conn.—Sept. 1-7.

New York Sept. 7-8

District of Columbia Sept. 9

Oklahoma July 9-11

Mississippi July 16-18

Arkansas Aug. 13-15

Montana (Bigtimber) June 17-20

Iowa and Nebraska July 13-15

Kansas July 16-18

Illinois July 20-22

Maryland July 23-25

Georgia (Macon) July 27-29

Louisiana July 30-Aug. 1

Texas (Weatherford) Aug. 5-8

Four sorts of hearers:

Some are like a sponge which swallows up all.

Others as a funnel, allow all to escape at one end which is received at the other.

Others like a filter, allow the liquor to escape and keep the dregs.

Still others are like a sieve, reject the chaff and retain the wheat.

SPIRITUAL POWER

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need a spiritual awakening among ourselves. If we do not feel that good power in our souls, let's reach an altar somewhere and there continue until God restores to us the joy of our salvation. When people tell me, "I once had a good experience with the Lord but I don't feel His presence any more," I tell them, "You are just not living where you once lived." If we can not feel the presence of the Lord we need to renew our covenant and start anew.

In order for us to have a Spirit-filled church we must love the church and its teachings. We must take care of the little obligations such as missions, orphanage, etc. If we do what God commands us to do He will honor our efforts with success. He said, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." I want that crown of life.

I hope that every child of God will have a determination to do more for God, and to tarry before Him until they learn His will. The only way for us to know is to tarry before Him until He makes it known unto us.

EDITORIALS

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should be like Him. 2. The Scriptures exalted. We should always exalt the written Word and lay great stress on Christ and His power to redeem. If we would always hide behind the cross and make prominent the virtues planted in our hearts by His redeeming love, we would be more effective. 3. Warnings concerning apostate teachers. We certainly should be careful to preach and maintain the doctrines of the Bible. It's our privilege to know His Word and be able to rightly divide it, but we cannot do this apart from redeeming love. 4. The second coming of Christ and the day of the Lord. It is amusing to hear some comment on certain scriptures, especially the millennium and the man of sin. They are so far from what we are sure the Bible teaches. The Bible plainly tells us where this man of sin will come from and if we would only adhere to what the Bible says about it, it would be the means of causing others to better understand His Word. If we would study His Word for the purpose of manifesting love and helpfulness to those who are depending on us for truth, I am sure Christ would, through the powers of the Holy Ghost, lend us great aid and make our ministry more effective.

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THE CHRISTIANS' UNION WITH CHRIST

Col. 3:12-14, "Put on therefore, as

the elect of God, holy and beloved, bows of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."

It is true that there is something that Christians must put on through the exercise of faith and belief in God. We are elected of God when we are saved through His sacrifice and sanctified through His blood and filled with the Holy Ghost. With this blessing in our hearts it makes it possible for us to put on these virtues that are so necessary in our Christian life. It will help us to put on kindness, humbleness, meekness and longsuffering. Most of us are short on these virtues, especially longsuffering. We should be ever ready to forgive anyone who trespasses against us on their confession and repentance. In fact, we should not hold in our hearts anything against anyone because it would not be like Christ to do that. Christian forbearance is one of the great virtues taught in the Word of God. We should always be ready to bear with our imperfect brothers and advise and help them in their struggles for perfection. And above all these things we should put on charity which is love. It is the capping sheaf of Christian love. The cap always protects the shock from storm and rain and love is represented as the bond of perfection. When we are freighted with the love of God we can always let the peace of God rule in our hearts and so fulfill our calling in the world. May God bless everyone who reads this admonition and help us to realize we must soon meet our Savior and there give an account of our lives.

"Though He Slay Me Yet Will I Serve Him"

I have much to praise the Lord for this morning. It has been just sixteen years this month since I first learned of the Church of God and her teachings and privileges. I learned while listening to the first sermon that I wanted and needed the experience that they had. I at once began seeking the Holy Ghost. I told the Lord I would trust Him for all things if He would grant me this great blessing, and on July 29, 1921 the Holy Ghost came in and still abides.

I surely praise Him for this wonderful Comforter that He said would abide forever. I have trusted Him entirely for healing; He has wonderfully healed me many times and the praise all goes to Him for I don't use remedies of any kind—no not even Vicks salve that is recommended to me so often, for when the

virtue of the stripes that my Savior bore in Pilate's hall for my healing penetrates this old body it is much more soothing and satisfying than any earthly remedy could possibly be.

I have had many tests, but until now the dear Lord has come on the scene and healed or relieved. I have been troubled since the latter part of January with what has been pronounced by authorities as tumor and gallstones. I have suffered a great deal at times but when the saints come in, as James advised, and anoint and pray for me, I am always relieved, but the trouble soon comes back with increased severity.

Now brothers and sisters, I really need your prayers. I would like to be delivered, and I know the God that has cared for me so tenderly all these years has all power and could so easily dissolve and cast out every imperfection or disorder. Will you call on Him right now in my behalf? I would like to mention the faithfulness of our beloved pastor, Brother Stanfield. Although he lives eighteen miles from me, he always finds time to come and pray for and anoint and encourage me when called. I am still saying with Brother Job, "Though he slay me yet will I trust in Him." God has healed me so many times and I praise Him for it.

I want to be in His will at all times. Pray that I may have a sufficiency of grace to continue in His will and He will undertake in a financial way for me. Bless His dear name.—Mrs. Levin W. Johnson, 1646 28th Ave., N. St. Petersburg, Fla.

God Blessing Work

RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky.—I praise the Lord for what He is doing for us here at our little country church at Bernard. Our Sunday School is doing fine. Brother T. S. Cooper, state superintendent of the Y. P. E., organized our Y. P. E. just a short time ago and it is growing and doing fine. We are going over the top for Jesus by His help. Pray much for us, we are going to make this a great year for the Master with our Sunday School, Y. P. E., and church work, if it is the Lord's will. We are going to start painting our new church soon, also start a singing school in a few days.

Pray much for us and our work, also pray for our little baby that God will heal him completely. Pray for Brother Cooper in his worthy work. He is a fine Y. P. E. superintendent.—An unworthy sister, Mrs. G. F. Crank, Rt. 2.

The spirit of submission is the true spirit of the Master and may take us through Gethsemane, but will bring us out with our greatest victory over self.

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